

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

JOE D. SOUTHARD, II, )  
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Plaintiff,             )  
                          )  
v.                      )                          Case No. 1:22-cv-332-ECM-SMD  
                          )  
J. DODSON, *et al.*, )  
                          )  
Defendants.            )

**RECOMMENDATION OF THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

Pro se Plaintiff Joe D. Southard, II, filed this action on June 2, 2022. Compl. (Doc. 1). Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m) mandates that a defendant be served within 90 days of the filing of a complaint or else be dismissed without prejudice. FED. R. CIV. P. 4(m). The undersigned previously entered two orders advising Southard of this rule. Orders (Docs. 13, 16). In the most recent order, the undersigned ordered Southard to effectuate service of process on Defendant J. Dodson on or before November 18, 2022, or otherwise show cause why Defendant J. Dodson should not be dismissed without prejudice pursuant to Rule 4(m). Order (Doc. 16) p. 1. Southard was advised that should he fail to serve Defendant J. Dodson or otherwise show cause, the undersigned would recommend that the claims against Defendant J. Dodson be dismissed without prejudice. *Id.* at 1-2.

Presently, it appears a summons has been issued as to Defendant J. Dodson, but service has not been effectuated. *See* Summons (Doc. 14); Summons Unexecuted (Doc. 15). Further, Southard has not shown cause why Defendant J. Dodson should not be dismissed without prejudice. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 4(m), the undersigned

RECOMMENDS that Southard's claims against Defendant J. Dodson be dismissed without prejudice for failure to prosecute and abide by orders of the Court.<sup>1</sup> It is further ORDERED that the parties shall file any objections to this Recommendation **on or before April 26, 2023**. A party must specifically identify the factual findings and legal conclusions in the Recommendation to which objection is made; frivolous, conclusive, or general objections will not be considered. Failure to file written objections to the Magistrate Judge's findings and recommendations in accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) shall bar a party from a de novo determination by the District Court of legal and factual issues covered in the Recommendation and waives the right of the party to challenge on appeal the district court's order based on unobjected-to factual and legal conclusions accepted or adopted by the District Court except upon grounds of plain error or manifest injustice. *Nettles v. Wainwright*, 677 F.2d 404 (5th Cir. 1982); 11TH CIR. R. 3-

1. See *Stein v. Lanning Securities, Inc.*, 667 F.2d 33 (11th Cir. 1982). See also *Bonner v. City of Prichard*, 661 F.2d 1206 (11th Cir. 1981) (en banc).

DONE this 12th day of April, 2023.



Stephen M. Doyle  
CHIEF U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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<sup>1</sup> The undersigned notes that Southard has failed to respond to other Court orders. See Orders (Docs. 19, 21). This further indicates his intent to abandon this case.